



**WILLARD W. ALLEN, 33°**

Grand Master of the State of Maryland and Jurisdiction.

Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

President of the Southern Life Insurance Company.

President of the Association for Promotion of Negro Business.

Publicity Chairman of the Association for the Handicapped.

Mr. Allen has a very active interest in city and state affairs.



**DR. ERNEST LYON**

Ernest Lyon was born in Belize, British Honduras. He came to the United States, settled in Louisiana and attended New Orleans University. After earning the degree of Master of Arts he entered the Christian ministry in the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1882. Serving several appointments, including that of Special Agent for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, he was assigned to the pastorate of St. Mark's Church, New York City, 1891. Leaving New York, he was appointed pastor of John Wesley M. E. Church, Baltimore.

In 1903 he was appointed by the late President Theodore Roosevelt, American Minister Resident and Consul-General to Liberia. When his term expired in 1911, the Liberian government requested the American government to permit him to serve as Consul-General of Liberia in the United States, a position he held until his death.

During his ministerial work in Baltimore Dr. Lyon was elected delegate to three general conferences; helped to effect the election of the first Negro Bishops in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1922 he was sent to Ames Memorial Church. Serving this church for sixteen years he retired from the active Ministry, April 6, 1938. He died July 17, 1938.